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- ☐ A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant requests consideration of the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in the International Search Report (ISR) for PCT/IN2005/000027, of which the present application is the U.S. National Phase, or are U.S. counterparts of such documents. A copy of the English language ISR is appended.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, a copy of the listed U.S. patent is not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

FR 2747908, DE 19706086 and DE 29602767 are not in English. Applicant is submitting English-language translations of these documents. In addition, the English-language ISR serves as a brief statement of relevance for each of these documents.

This Statement, Form PTO-1449 and listed documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the

first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned.

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